

WAS A BAD YEAR

The Worst Wall Street Has Had in Two Decades.

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LAMBS WERE SCARCE

They Refused to Come in and Be Sheared.

No Enthusiasm Displayed When Year 1911 Ended.

New York, Jan. 1.—Wall street will begin the new year with the wish that it may be a more prosperous one than was 1911. When business is resumed tomorrow in the financial world after the holiday, brokers will greet each other with "Happy New Year," rather than the usual "Happy New Year." The last twelve months has been a hard time in Wall street.

Business was poor most of last year, except for a few of the large houses. A broker who has been in Wall street for twenty-one years said that last year was the poorest he ever had experienced. Some brokers were forced to quit the street to earn a living.

One such former broker is selling automobiles. Another is a New York representative of a Southern cotton concern. Trading in stocks fell far below that of 1910, itself not a good year. Not only on the stock exchange, but other exchanges and in the "curb" market the depression was felt. All through the year the public refused to buy stocks. There was active speculation at times among Wall street traders, but there was no general participation by the public. It was this which was felt most keenly.

Some brokerage houses were compelled to reduce their expenses largely. Employees were discharged, private telegraph wires were discontinued and expenses were curtailed wherever possible. A few of the larger houses with the best connections were able to do a large business but for the majority conditions were unfavorable. The year's poor business conditions were generally regarded as responsible for the slump in trading.

When Wall street shut up shop for 1911, with the ringing of the gong on the stock exchange at noon Saturday, a feeble cheer was given by the brokers on the floor. That was the only tribute to the passing of the year, and in falling to observe the day with a hilarious celebration a tradition of many years' standing was shattered. It is customary to celebrate the close of the year by decorating the exchange with evergreens and holly, and by bringing in a band. The younger members are expected to make a noise. But the old year ended in such deep gloom that nothing of the kind was attempted.

On the consolidated stock exchange or "Little Board," as it is known there was a Christmas celebration and the produce exchange provided a vaudeville entertainment for a square meal for some of the city's poor children.

NEW RULES IN FORCE

Designed to Expedite Business of the Supreme Court.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Lawyers practicing before the supreme court of the United States will be forced hereafter to give a helping hand to the court's movement to facilitate business. According to the new court rules, which went into effect today, attorneys for the plaintiff before the supreme court must file their briefs three weeks before a case is to be called for oral argument. The defendant attorneys must file their brief one week before the arguments are made.

In all cases, the clerk of the court is instructed to refuse to accept briefs where counsel have not served copies on opposing counsel. The latter provision was designed to put an end to counsel appearing before the court unprepared to answer arguments on the opposing side and delaying the court by supplemental briefs, dealing with the opposing argument. The court has announced its determination to receive no briefs after a case has been argued orally.

The new rules will not be enforced rigidly at once. At first, printed copies of the rules are not available and time will be given to the bar to acquaint itself with the new requirements.

FINAL AWARDS MADE

In Commendation Proceedings in Sault Ste Marie Case.

Grand Rapids, Jan. 1.—In United States court Judge Arthur S. Denison has made the final awards in the case of the federal government brought to condemn for lock and canal purposes all the lands and the rapids at Sault Ste Marie north of the present canal to the international boundary. The result of this case deprives all of the power companies of ownership in St. Marys river at the falls and places the United States in full control to regulate navigation and use the water for power as it sees fit.

The total award is \$875,512. Of this the Chandler-Dunbar company gets \$550,000 for its water power and \$102,312 for its share lands and islands No. 1 and No. 2, part of value conceded by the government. The Edison Sault Electric company gets \$300,000 for its power plant and electrical accessories.

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GOES OUT OF BUSINESS

United States Circuit Court Passes Away With Old Year.

The western division of the United States circuit court, formally went out of business today. The affairs of the office were transferred to the office of the United States district court. George Sharitt, the veteran clerk of the circuit court, closed the office this morning and his work ended with the abolition of the court under the recent act of congress.

All of the records from the circuit court will be removed to the district court and in the future all cases will be handled through the office of Mortimer L. Clough, district clerk. There is a formal closing of the circuit court. Dockets and records were removed to Albaugh's office and the records ready for the handling of all federal court business in the one division.

Miss Nellie Clough, for several years an assistant under Mr. Sharitt, will go to Albaugh's office, where she will assist in handling the court records. The old office force in the district clerk's office will be retained, making an office force of four people in the western division. Frank M. Campbell and Miss Addie Wagner, of the regular district clerk's office, will continue in their regular work and Mr. Albaugh will have charge of all the court records in the western division of Kansas.

In the passing of George Sharitt from the circuit court, one of the oldest and most efficient federal officers in the western service, leaves the federal courts. Sharitt established a record in the circuit court equalled by few clerks of the circuit court and perhaps excelled by none. Recently congress legislated the circuit court out of business and under this act the circuit office was officially closed Saturday night.

CUT OWN THROAT

John L. Masse, Tired of Suffering, Ends Own Life.

Suffering to the limit of endurance and realizing that recovery was practically impossible, John L. Masse, of Oakland, committed suicide Sunday morning by cutting his throat with the blade of a safety razor. He had been suffering with an attack of locomotor ataxia for fifteen years and his suffering had been intense during the last few days. In addition to cutting his throat with the safety razor blade and severing the jugular vein, he slashed his wrists and the back of his left hand.

Mr. Masse worked as a carpenter in the Santa Fe shops a number of years and had been in the country until about fifteen years ago, when he was stricken. Saturday night, it is reported, that his suffering was more severe than at any other time and that he warned his wife that he could not endure the pain much longer and that if he was required to do so that he might resort to violent methods. It is evident that she did not regard this as a threat and left him alone in his room upstairs and was working at her household duties. The family live at 234 Green street.

Mr. Masse went out to the yard about 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning to feed the chickens and heard him groaning as she entered the house. She went to his room to investigate and found him holding his head over a pail and blood was gushing from the wounds in his neck. She called assistance but before a doctor arrived, he had expired and died shortly afterward.

Mr. Masse was about 45 years old and was a member of the A. O. U. W. Corner H. W. Bommerman was notified and took charge of the body. An inquest will not be held. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

FAILS AT SUICIDE

Bert Bowlin, Sued for Divorce, Seeks Wife and Takes Chloroform.

When Bert Bowlin read in the State Journal Saturday night that his wife had filed suit for a divorce, he walked hurriedly to the home of A. B. Winant, 1005 East Eighth avenue, where he took a quantity of chloroform in an effort to end his life. His attempt to commit suicide occurred in the presence of Mrs. Bowlin and her parents.

Mrs. Bowlin filed suit for a divorce Saturday in the Shawnee county district court. She charged that her husband failed to support her and that she was compelled to earn her own living. In her petition she asked the court to restore her maiden name, Cora Winant.

Since the filing of the suit the wife has lived with her parents at East Eighth avenue. Bowlin lived with his mother on Jefferson street. Saturday night he read of the petition for divorce and then went to the home of his father-in-law, where he attempted to commit suicide. The prompt interference of Winant probably saved the man's life. When Bowlin was restored to consciousness, he was taken to his mother's home.

SANTA FE FIREMEN DANCE

Have Jolly Time at Annual Ball Saturday Night.

More than one hundred couples attended the third annual ball of the Santa Fe fire department, which was given Saturday night at Steinberg's Music hall. Fire Marshal W. W. Sued and wife led the grand march. A number of the members of the fire department and their wives followed. About one hundred couples took part in the grand march.

Dancing continued until 1 o'clock. Hall's orchestra furnished the music and everybody enjoyed the affair. A number of the shop foremen attended. Chief Sued was in charge of the arrangements, assisted by the members of the fire department and by John Parkinson, general foreman of the water service department.

Ross-I hear a burglar out in your house while your wife was away. Cory-Yes I'm so glad. My wife won't know how much of the wreck is me and how much is him.—Harper's Bazar.

COLD WAVE PAST

Joyful News Given Out to Shivering Storm Victims.

Church Services Suspended When Gas Supply Fails.

SEVERE OVER STATE

Kansas Suffers From Worst Storm in Years.

Small Towns Are Isolated When Wind Piles Snow.

"The backbone of the cold weather is broken," said "Sunny" Flora, the local weather man today, "and this will come a joyful news as all Topeka has been shivering."

This morning the minimum temperature was recorded at 6 o'clock when the reading was two degrees above zero. Sunday the mercury crawled down three degrees below the zero mark. From Saturday night at 12 o'clock to Sunday morning at 9 o'clock the quicksilver remained below the zero. It was the coldest December 31 on record in Topeka.

The gas supply was practically nil at various points in the city Sunday morning. Potwin and Lawman Hill suffering particularly.

Church in Overcoat.

There was no morning preaching at the First Christian church on account of inability to make the place of worship comfortable. At the First congregational church early in the morning the coal grates were put in the furnace in which gas had been burned, and services were held as usual. There was no Epworth League meeting Sunday evening at the Euclid Avenue M. E. church on account of the cold and storm. In fact in many of the churches the men sat in their overcoats.

The wind was blowing from the southeast this morning. The forecast sent out from Washington covering the entire week indicates that there will be unsettled conditions in the middle-west with low temperatures.

This To Be A Wintery Week.

Wintery weather will be general during the greater part of the coming week, according to a bulletin issued late tonight by the weather bureau.

Stormy weather is also predicted over the North Atlantic steamship routes, the British Isles and northwestern Europe.

A marked change to colder weather will sweep over the region east of the Mississippi river within the next 24 hours, according to the bulletin, "with the line of freezing temperature extending southward to the gulf and south Atlantic coasts and the northern Florida Jacksonville cold weather will continue the next several days in the Middle West and Southwest and the Rocky mountain region."

A storm that is now over the upper lake region will move down the St. Lawrence valley during Monday attended by snow in the region of the Great Lakes, the upper Ohio valley, the interior of New York and New England, it will be followed by clearing weather elsewhere east of the Mississippi river during Monday.

"The next disturbance of importance to cross the United States will appear in the Far West Monday or Tuesday, cross the Middle West Wednesday or Thursday, and the storm system about Friday. This disturbance will be preceded by a reaction to normal temperature, be attended by general snows in northern and rains in southern districts, and will be followed by decidedly colder weather."

Cold Over the State.

Over the state the cold wave of Saturday lasted over Sunday and the cold was of unusual severity. The snow, which was not heavy in Topeka, was heavier over the central and western part of the state. Stock suffered and the stockmen will likely report heavy losses as a result of the storm and low temperature. Reports of from zero temperature to 15 degrees below that mark are frequent in the weather report. The minimum was reported by the Rock Island from Phillipsburg Saturday night.

Trains were hours behind the schedule.

ule. One Union Pacific train made Topeka yesterday over 40 hours behind its regular time. In western and southwestern Kansas traffic was suspended for the day in many cases. In some sections of the state six inches is reported as having fallen and it was piled in drifts by a wind which averaged from 15 to 30 miles an hour.

Small Towns Snowbound.

Small Kansas towns in many cases were snowbound. This applies to the southwestern section of the state. Some farmers have been without mail since the snow of ten days ago, the roads remaining impassable. Oil cake is being rushed to the suffering stock where the roads are not blockaded and it will likely save thousands of dollars for the owners. In some cases the cake en route to feeding ranges has been tied up by the snow. Old fashioned sleds are the only means of transportation in the western sections of the state.

FOR THOSE WHO DIED

Lincoln Post G. A. R. Hold Memorial Service.

In memory of 25 comrades who died in 1911, the annual memorial services were held in the hall of Lincoln Post No. 1, Sunday afternoon. The address of the occasion was delivered by Judge J. G. Wood, and the Rev. Robert Gordon made a few remarks. C. N. Bacon presided over the meeting.

Adjutant J. M. Miller read the record of each comrade who has died in the year. Harry Russell, the drummer boy, beat three rolls upon a muffled drum immediately following the reading. Responsive reading was conducted by the chaplain of the post, J. W. Sidwell, and Miss Grace Bacon sang, "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground."

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